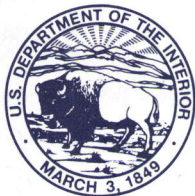


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August 4, 1992

Wayne Hedberg
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Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter our district office recently received from Paul S. Arell of the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding a cyanide leach operation which occurred on the East Summit unpatented mining claims. This case has been filed by your office as DOE/021/005, Iron County, Utah.

The leach pad has been reclaimed for several years, and all tanks which held cyanide have been removed. There is no evidence of toxic or hazardous materials anywhere in the area. The leach pad has been revegetated and the plants appear to be healthy. Several large tanks which were used to store water are still located on the site. Our office has contacted the claimants and they wish to keep the water tanks on location for potential future use.

The claimants have recently submitted an amendment to their existing case file which we have previously submitted to you. It is our intention to close this case file when the work proposed under this amendment has been reclaimed. A new Notice will be opened at that time which requires removal of the water tanks before final case closure.

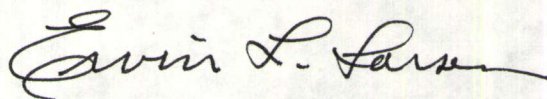
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We would appreciate your response in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this case or if you would like to visit the site please contact Gina Pack at the above address. We appreciate the assistance you give our office in overseeing mining and exploration activities in Beaver and Iron Counties.

Sincerely,



Arthur L. Tait
Area Manager

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Enclosure
Letter from EPA



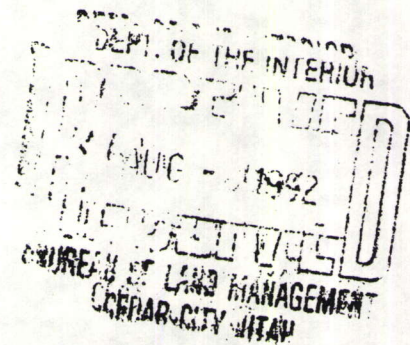
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Mr. Tom Hansen
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Bureau of Land Management
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Cedar City, UT 84720

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This letter is to inform you that the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region VIII Office has reviewed the Preliminary Assessment (PA) for your Federal Facility listed on the Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket (docket).

The PA is usually a low-cost evaluation intended to give as full and complete a picture of the site as is possible using existing information. It attempts to evaluate the magnitude of the potential hazard and identify the source and nature of any release. The PA helps the EPA determine whether a site merits further action or not. Part of the analysis is to score the site using a mathematical model called the Hazard Ranking System (HRS). The HRS assigns risk values for four possible pathways of exposure: ground water, surface water, air, and soil. The score, based on these pathways, must be 28.50 or greater to allow further pursuit of our investigation.

From our analysis with the HRS, EPA has determined that a Site Evaluation has been Accomplished (SEA) for the East Summit Mining Claim site under the Federal Superfund program. This means that a Site Inspection (SI) is not necessary at this time and that EPA will not evaluate this site further for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL). Please be aware, however, that when we designate a site as SEA, we are not completely closing our files on the site. If new information becomes available, EPA will review it and, if appropriate, proceed to the next phase of the investigation. This SEA classification does not preclude the state's taking action to remediate the site.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Charles Sanchez, EPA Site Assessment Manager, at (303) 294-7048.

Sincerely yours,

Darry Campbell for

Paul S. Arell, Chief
Superfund Technical Section